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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF PRIME MINISTER MERCADO

REF: LIMA 5028; LIMA 5020; LIMA 4979

1. PRIME MINISTER MERCADO TELEPHONED EMBASSY TODAY TO INFORM HE WILL BE IN NEW YORK CITY THIS WEEKEND, AND REQUESTS THAT JAMES GREENE BE NOTIFIED ACCORDINGLY. HE SAID MAIN PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TO VISIT UN: LOCAL PRESS, QUOTING PERUVIAN UN DELEGATION, STATES MERCADO WILL DISCUSS PERUVIAN USEF CONTINGENT WITH SEC GEN WALDHEIM.

2. MERCADO DEPARTS LIMA FOR NEW YORK THURSDAY NIGHT (JUNE 27-28) VIA LUFTHANSA 491. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED ASK NEW YORK RECEPTION CENTER TO ARRANGE FOR CUSTOMS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COURTESIES UPON HIS ARRIVAL. MERCADO PLANS RETURN TO LIMA MONDAY, JULY 1.

3. ALSO REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONTACT JAMES GREENE, GIVING HIM MERCADO'S ITINERARY AND SUGGESTING THAT LONG-STANDING INVITATION TO HOST A LUNCHEON OR DINNER FOR MERCADO MIGHT BE ARRANGED, POSSIBLY ON FRIDAY, JUNE 28. IF RESPONSE
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RECEIVED IN TIME, EMBASSY WILL BE PLEASED TO INFORM

MERCADO RE GREENE'S INVITATION; OTHERWISE MERCADO CAN BE REACHED CARE OF PERUVIAN UN DELEGATION.

4. EMBASSY IS AWARE GREENE HAD BEEN EXPECTING TO HOST A LUNCHEON OR DINNER FOR MINFISHERIES TANTALEAN SOMETIME LATE THIS WEEK. HOWEVER, TANTALEAN'S TRAVEL PLANS HAVE CHANGED, AND HE IS TRAVELLING DIRECT TO POLAND AND OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WITHOUT STOPPING OVER IN NEW YORK ON THIS TRIP. DEPARTMENT SHOULD ALSO NOTE MERCADO'S PLANS HAVE CHANGED (SEE REFTELS); HE WAS INITIALLY TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK, CERTAIN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND MIDDLE EAST FOR EXTENDED VISIT (JUNE 27 JULY 17). STILL ANOTHER FACTOR WHICH MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO CHANGE IN PLANS IS REPORTED SUDDEN AND UNEXPECTED TRIP BY PRIME MINISTER'S WIFE TO WASHINGTON WHERE SHE IS CURRENTLY UNDER TREATMENT AT WALTER REED HOSPITAL. IN HIS BRIEF CONVERSATION TODAY MERCADO DID NOT MENTION TO EMBASSY ANY PLANS TO VISIT WASHINGTON NOR DID HE MAKE ANY REFERENCE TO MRS. MERCADO'S STRIP THERE.
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